

## **Lt. Governor Garamendi Applauds Selection of Karen Bass as Assembly speaker**

**SACRAMENTO, CA** – Lt. Governor John Garamendi had the following comments following today's announcement that Assemblymember Karen Bass (D-Los Angeles) has been selected as the State Assembly's next Speaker:

"I congratulate Assemblywoman Karen Bass on her selection as California's next Assembly Speaker. Hers is truly a California story, and today's decision is one of which every Californian should be proud.

"As a former community organizer who helped turn around tough neighborhoods in her native Los Angeles, Karen stands as proof that through determination and hard work, we truly can leave California a better place than we found it – for our children and their children.

"With her impressive background and her experience as a proven and effective legislator, Karen has the skills and the know-how to begin solving our persistent budget crisis, addressing health care access and affordability, and investing in our future – bringing people together while holding firm to our principles of equality and opportunity. I look forward to working with Assemblymember Bass and continuing to work with Assemblymember Nunez to these ends.

"Today I also commend Speaker Nunez on his impressive service to the State of California. As the leader of the Assembly, Speaker Nunez led the Assembly in tackling California's fiscal issues, adopting landmark global warming legislation, and making the expansion of health care to every Californian a top priority. I wish him well as he leads the Assembly through the remainder of the year, and as he continues to be an important voice in our State."

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